

Old Baltimore College of Dental Surgery
325-329 West Lexington Street
Private

ca. 1870

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**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. B-2317

Magi No. 0423175511

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Baltimore College of Dental Surgery

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 325-329 West Lexington Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Baltimore ☐ vicinity of congressional district 3rd

state Maryland ☐ county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name B. Oppenheim et al

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber WA 3821

street & number Calvert & Fayette Streets folio 763

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Baltimore City Neighborhood Survey

date 1976 ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ local

depository for survey records Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY:

The Old Baltimore College of Dental Surgery is a three story brick commercial building with a slate mansard roof and segmental arched window hoods, built about 1870 and located on the southeast corner of West Lexington and North Eutaw Streets in central Baltimore, Maryland. The principal elevation faces north to Lexington Street and the building adjoins other commercial properties on both the east and south. The first floor has been extensively altered in the mid-20th century for commercial use. An iron fire escape is attached to the north elevation.

General Description:

The building is three stories in height with a steep slate mansard roof with corner towers. The roof has been lowered on the north elevation, leaving the two corner towers and the mansard on the west side intact. The slate is patterned and is currently painted yellow to match the exterior walls of the building. The dormers in the mansard towers have segmental arches over pairs of round arched 1/1 windows. The smaller dormers in the west elevation have segmental hoods and arches with 2/2 windows.

Below the plain cornice, which was originally bracketed, the common bond brick walls are painted yellow. The north elevation has six bays on the upper two stories. The third floor windows are long, narrow 2/2 windows, undoubtedly the location of the main demonstration halls of the College.

The second story windows are lower in height with 2/2 sash. In some windows, the lower sash has been replaced by ventilation louvers. An iron fire escape extends across the north elevation from the northeast mansard tower to the center two bays of the second and third floors. The Eutaw Street elevation has three asymmetric bays with sash on each story repeating that of the Lexington Street elevation. All windows are ornamented by segmental hoods. The trim on both the window hoods and the mansard is painted dark brown.

The first floor on both elevations has been greatly altered over time and nothing remains of the original plate glass-windowed commercial facade. An early engraving during the period of the Dental College tenancy shows several recessed store openings between projecting display windows. Painted lettering above the second floor windows identified the College and a smaller sign on the Eutaw Street side read "Dental Infirmary". The top of the mansard roof was crowned with decorative iron cresting. The current occupants include a liquor and sandwich shop, a men's clothing shop, and a wig shop.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1870

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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History and Support:

The Baltimore College of Dental Surgery was founded in 1839 by Dr. Horace H. Hayden. A specialist in dental surgery before dentistry was a recognized science, Hayden gave the first known course of lectures in the world on the subject at the University of Maryland Medical School in 1837. He failed to interest the University in starting a dentistry department and consequently founded the College independently with Drs. Chapin A. Harris, Wallis Baxley, and Thomas E. Bond.

The College's first lectures were given beginning Nov. 3, 1840 at the Third Baptist Church on Calvert Street between Lexington and Saratoga Streets. By 1845, the College moved into a large house on Hopkins Place, the first of several addresses which changed as the College grew. In 1845, an infirmary for the teaching of clinical operative dentistry was added to the facilities, which already included a museum, mechanical workshop, a dissecting room, and, at another location, a library. In conjunction with the College's organization, the American Journal of Dental Science was founded by Dr. Chapin A. Harris and Dr. Eleazer Parmly of New York. This was the first journal in America devoted exclusively to dentistry.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See attached sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Baltimore East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Co-terminous with lot size 63 ft. x 38 ft.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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8. Significance, cont'd.

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By 1875, the College had moved to the building at the southeast corner of North Eutaw and West Lexington Streets. The building was probably erected during the period 1870-1875 as a commercial investment property. It occupied a prominent corner just across the street from the busy Lexington Market in the rapidly expanding retail district of the city. During the College's tenancy in the building, a dispute among the faculty precipitated a split and probably the move of the College to another building. According to a paper read at the Dental Centenary Celebration in 1940 in Baltimore, two factions existed from about 1879 until 1882. One group was headed by F.J.S. Gorgas and James H. Harris. The other was led by R.B. Winder and W. Whilden Foster. The reasons for the split are not entirely clear, but disagreement over affiliation with the University of Maryland was probably one cause. In 1882, Dr. Gorgas and Dr. Harris accepted positions in the Dental Department of the University, leaving Winder and Foster to run the College. For years thereafter, relations between the two schools were extremely bitter. In the 1883 City Directory, the College of Dental Surgery appeared at yet another location. It was not until well into the 20th century that the College merged with the University.

The building at Lexington and Eutaw remained in commercial use and was occupied in the early 20th century by small shops for furs, shoes, linens, and clothing, as well as a drug store. During the 1950's and 1960's, the first floor facade of the building underwent extensive change, resulting in the virtual obliteration of the original storefronts. The 1870's engraving provides a clear picture of its facade as built.

9. Bibliographical References

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CORRECTION: Further research shows that another 19th century building in which the College was located still stands at the southeast corner of Eutaw and Franklin Streets (429-433 North Eutaw Street). The College was at this address from 1882 to 1913.

Janet Davis, November 1986

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Van Brunt and Adams, Meat Merchant
325-329 West Lexington Street

CORRECTION: Section 8: Significance

Specific Dates: Ca. 1830-35

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Mrs. Hilda E. Cushwa, Rt. 1, Box 337, Clear Spring, MD 21722 supplied CHAP with information on her family which included the attached copy of a business card showing an engraving of the building at 325-329 West Lexington Street ca. 1840-1850. Additional city directory research by CHAP showed that Tunis Van Brunt, bacon merchant, occupied a building on "Lexington e. of Green" which is assumed to be the pictured building. This was later altered by the addition of a mansard roof, corner towers, and window hoods. If the 1840's engraving is accurate, the Eutaw Street elevation was truncated by several bays prior to the 1880's. Based on this research, CHAP suggests a revised historic name for the site to clear up confusion with the Old Baltimore College of Dental Surgery (B-2258) at 429-433 North Eutaw Street.

CORRECTION: Section 1: Name

Historic : Van Brunt and Adams, Meat Merchant

Janet Davis, March 1988

4 gallons Water
4 lb Salt-Peter or Pearl ash
1/2 lb Sugar
1/2 " Black Pepper
1/2 lb Pearl ash
5 lb Salt.

VAN-BRUNT & ADAMS
DEALERS IN PROVISIONS GENERALLY

Longfellow Street opposite the Market House

(BALTIMORE)

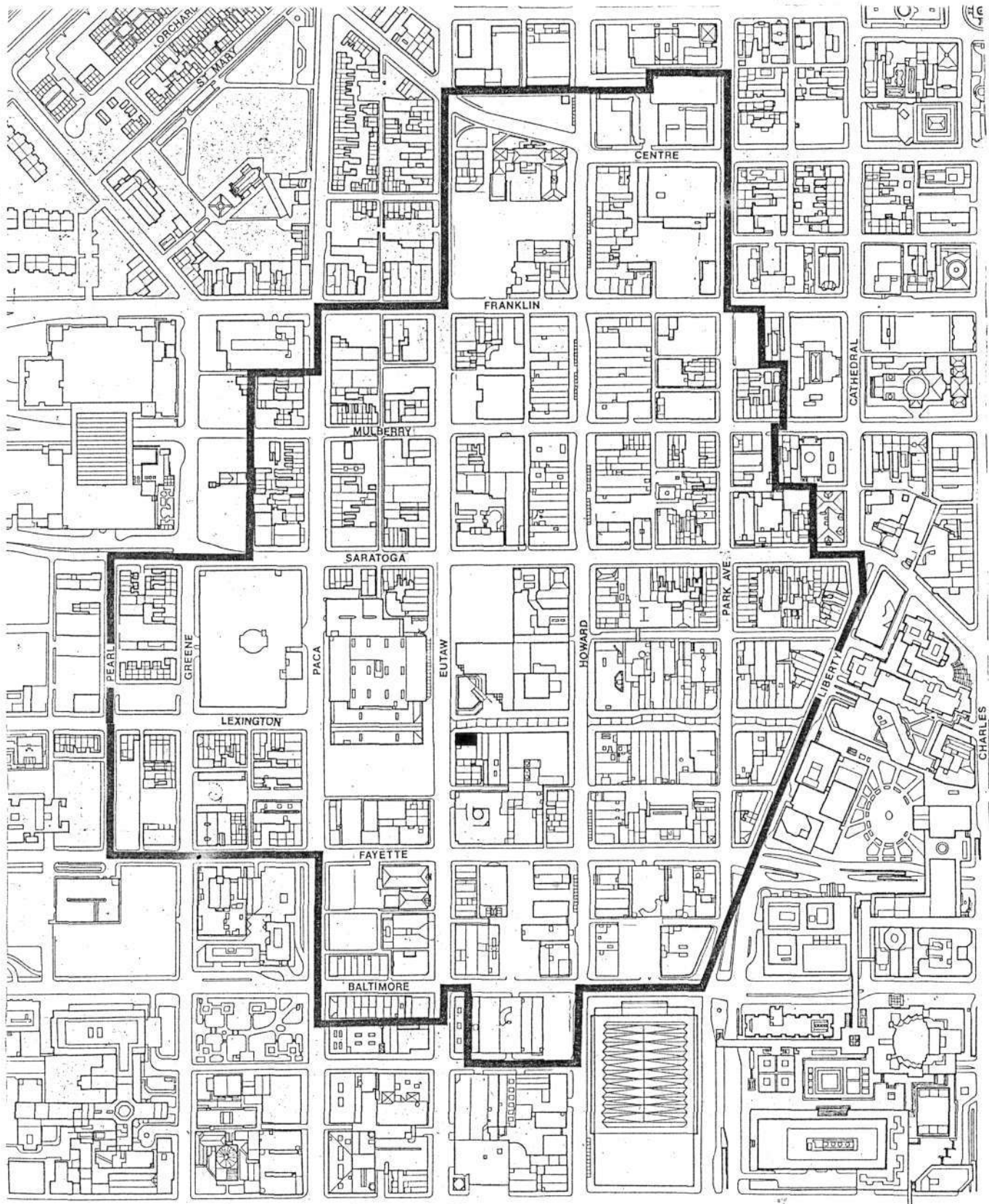
Offer for sale on following terms. Hops, No 1 and Prime **BEEF & PORK**
in Bds and half Bds. **SMOKED BEEF, SMOKED AND PICKLED TONGERS, HOLOGS & SAUSAGES,**
BACON & LARD all warranted of the best quality.

Tunis Van Brunt



Wm. C. Adams

The partnership with Tunis Van Brunt was dissolved and Mr. Van Brunt later met an untimely death at the hands of one assailant on the streets of Balto. (Per news clipping)



Baltimore Metrocenter Survey
 Market Center
 Old Baltimore College of Dental Surgery
 325-329 West Lexington Street
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Baltimore College of Dental Surgery
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327-329 West Lexington Street
Market Center - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland

Photo: Janet Davis

November 1985

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Northwest corner view

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Belk 619

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Baltimore College of Dental Surgery

AND/OR COMMON

White Coffee Pot, Jr.

2 LOCATION

327-329 W. Lexington Street

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &
ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CITY, TOWN

Room 900

STATE

26 South Calvert St.
Baltimore, Md. 21202

7 DESCRIPTION

B-2317

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 3½ story brick building with mansard roof stands on a corner lot. The first floor has been much altered and now accomodates a restaurant with a corner entrance. There are two additional entrances on the Lexington Street side to accomodate additional business. Originally having a definite LEX. ST set in each bay below the windows, the first floor on both facades has been faced with plate glass, metal and commercial signs.

FRONT
WITH
ENTRANCES

The Lexington Street side is 6 bays wide on the upper floors and features segmental arched double hung windows with 2/2 lights and are fitted with labelled hoods. Hoods and sills are of stone. The Eutaw Street side is 3 bays deep and has identical windows. A projecting course of brick runs above the third floor windows. The projecting wooden cornice supports the fish-scale shingled roof (originally polychromed). Two truncated towers are at the front corners and are framed in wood. Roof dormers project shallowly. Tower windows are set in wooden frames of a bracketed French style; windows are round-arched, double-hung with 1/1 lights; a pair of these are set in the round-headed frames.

Two smaller roof dormers are set on the Eutaw Street mansard. They are double hung windows with 2/2 lights set single in segmental arched hoods with wooden sills and keystones. The central portion of the Lexington Street mansard has been replaced with ribbed metal, and a fire escape runs down the Lexington Street front.

8 JANUARY 1964
HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES **1871**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This excellent example of the Victorian mansarded style of building housed the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery from 1875-1881, which was established in 1839, which still exists as the first and oldest Dental School in the world.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Planning Assistants

ORGANIZATION

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &
ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION
Room 900

DATE

1976

STREET & NUMBER

26 South Calvert St.
Baltimore, Md. 21202

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

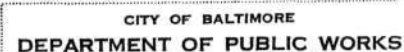
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LOT 15/27 PER, P.L.S. C. 5H. 85-133
LOTS 1 & 2 CONS'D PER DEED C. 5H. 85-372

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PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION

WARD **4** SECTION **10**
BLOCK **619**

SCALE 1"=50'-0" DATE DEC. 1966

NOTICE

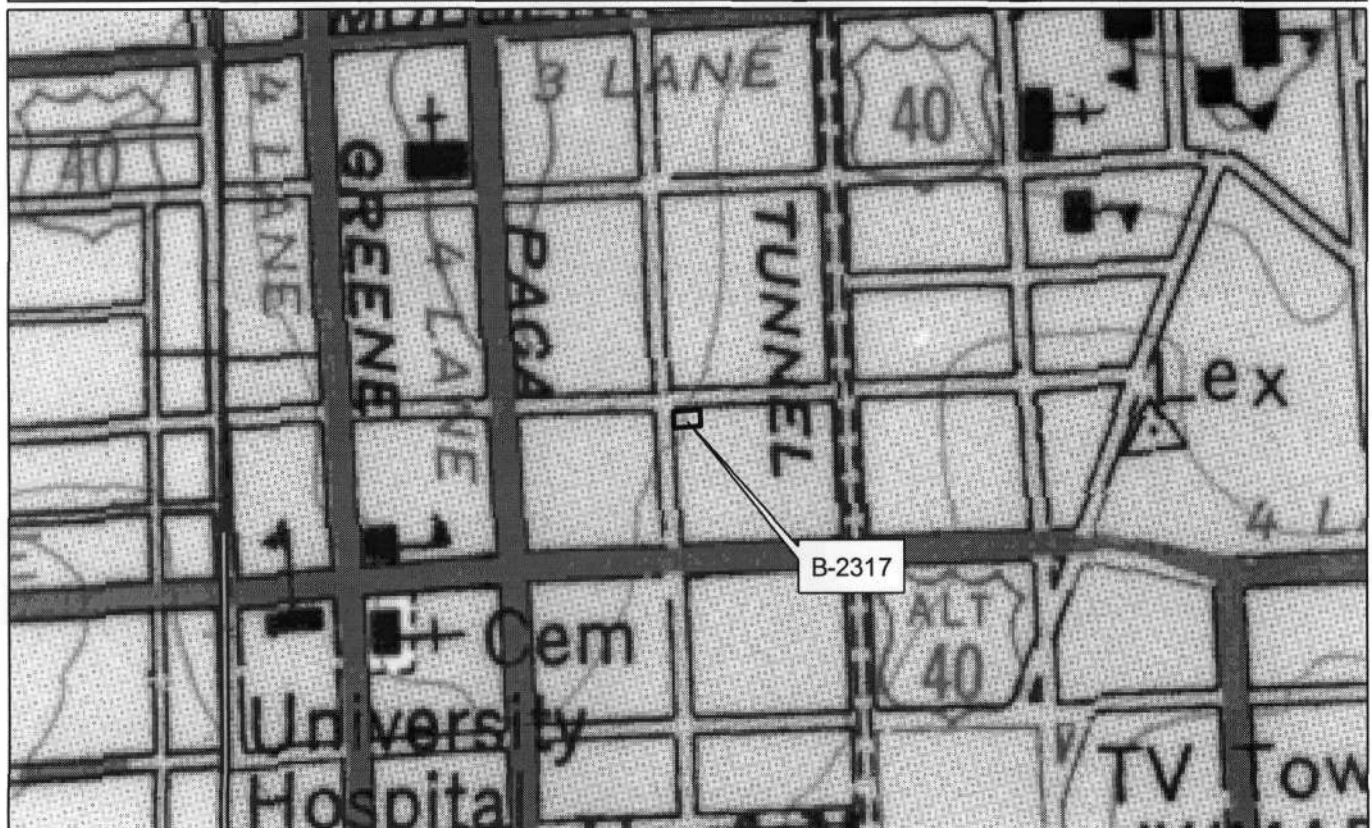
THIS IS A REAL PROPERTY PLAT AS PROVIDED
FOR UNDER ARTICLE 76(d) OF THE CITY CHARTER
IT IS COMPILED FROM TITLE AND OTHER
SOURCES AND IS NOT AN AUTHENTIC SURVEY.

AGED BY P. WAINWRIGHT

ENTERED BY... P.W.

CHECKED BY

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Old Baltimore College of Dental Surgery
325-329 West Lexington Street
Block 619 Lot 013
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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327-29 W. Lexington

Neg #

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B. Pancer

Block

619